File No. 185

1884.

Collection No.

Mysore Residency

Pros. Serial Nos. 1623

179

Subject.

Disposal of the site of the old District Engineer's office on the Residency Road, Bangalore

Previous References.

Later References.

5GPI—S27—25DCF—6-8-24—25,000.

Regr. No. 1880.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

~~Proceedings.~~

File No. 185 of 1880

List of References.

From The Ex: Engineer Presidy. Divn.

No. 5414.

Dated 13 Mar. 80. | Enc. one.

Received 14 — 80. | Spare copies.

Subject.

Disposal of a Site Situated on the North of the R. C. Cathedral in Mount Road.

Notes and orders.

The Ex: Engineer in the above letter informs the Resident that two Sites are available for any public purpose.

2. Re former Ex: Engineer's Office and work yard were located here, but the Sites have for several years past been unused as such, and are not likely to be so again.

3. Col. Burton says he has had two proposals for selling the property, but before seeking any orders on the subject from the Madras Govt: asks if the Resident requires

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the Sites

4. A tracing enclosed in the Ex: Engineer's letter shows that the Sites are situated on the North of the R.C. Cathedral in Stanley, at the Corner where the Residency and Museum Roads Cross.

5. There are no papers in the Office to show what the Madras Govt: has to do with the ground in question

6 May Col. Burton be asked to favour us with fuller particulars as to what the ground originally belonged and in whose possession the title deeds, if any, are; from what the two proposals he has received are?

H.S. 23.3.86. Yes DBK 24.3.86

7. Dft submitted accordingly.
H.S. 26.3.86

8. Issue D.I.N. 28.3.86

9. Letter to the Ex: Engineer Presidency Division issued, No. 799/1886 dated 31st March '86. D Rn — S. No. 2.

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10. Letter No. 29 d. 2nd April. 1886 from the Ex. Engineer, Presidency Div. — S. No. 3

11. In the above the Ex. Engineer

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reports that the sites adjoining the Catholic Cathedral grounds in Shoolay formerly occupied by the Ex. Engineer's office and work yard, originally belonged to the Mysore State, and that the Madras Government holds no title deeds

12. With regard to the proposals for selling the sites in question, the Ex. Engineer states that the proposals were received from Mr. Standish Lee and the Roman Catholic Bishop at Bangalore, and that no specific tender has been called for as yet, and that no offer has therefore been made.

13. The Ex. Engineer adds that the Madras Government may decline to part with the land, &c.

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14. Considering that the Madras Government holds no title deeds for the sites referred

14, it may be assumed ~~they~~ it has no proprietary right in them, and that the Mysore Government made over the land for specific purposes. It therefore follows that when the Madras Government has no further use for the land, the property should revert to the original owners.

15. May the Government of Madras, Military Dept., be asked if they have any further use for the sites?

16. In the event of the answer being in the negative, the Municipality may be asked to take over the sites

W.R. Lang
16th Apl. 86.

17- The writer explains the case as it stands. Resident for orders

Resident

17.4.86

18. Before further action is taken I should like Major Maltby to see these

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the purpose of erecting a suitable building, and again in 1882 Sir James received another deputation when he showed the same interest in the welfare of the Literary and Scientific Institute.

24. The Committee have been twice disappointed in securing suitable sites, once when they applied for the ground near St. Mark's Church, and the 2nd time when they asked for a piece of ground near the Mayo Statue.

25. The Hony. Secy. states further that as the objects of the Institution are cosmopolitan in character, and for the benefit of all classes of the Community, and as the Library was established by Sir Downing, late Chief Commissioner and fostered by his successors, the Committee beg that the Offg. Resident will consider

favourably their applica-
tion for the Site in question.
Rv. Pedroza says that the
erection of the proposed
building will be a lasting
monument of the gracious
patronage of a succeeding
Resident to the wishes of
his predecessors.

26. In Conclusion Rv. Pedroza,
on behalf of the Committee
says that if permitted
they purpose forming a
deputation to wait on
the Offg Resident to afford
him in detail any further
information he may re-
quire.

27. I have been a subscriber
to this Library for Several
years and can state for
a fact that there sufficient
funds at Credit of the
Institution for the erection
of a very fine building.

28. Submitted for Resident's orders.

H/ 24.4.86

(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

29. Please say in answer that I should be glad to receive a deputation at the Residency on Monday. May 3rd at 9. A.M.

Would Asst. Regt. kindly be present on the occasion. G 26.4.86.

30. Dft submitted for approval.

H.C. 27.4.86.
Issue.

31. This file the minutes to me on Saturday next

JMc 27.4.86

32. Letter No. 1164/1856 dt 28th April 1886. to the Honorary Secretary, Literary and Scientific Institute issued. C.R.K. 28-4-86

Serial No 5.

33. File submitted as ordered in para 31.

H.C. 8.5.86.

34. In the event of the Madras Govt having a lien on the site in question (which presumably it has by right of long possession, tho' unsupported

by title deed) & wishing to part
with it, the site should properly
be made over to the Resident as
the Local Representative of the Supreme
Govt, to whom the C & M Sts (within
the limits of which the site lies) has
been assigned by the M. R. of Mysore.

35 There is no need to dwell on
the above consideration at present. What
is wanted is to send a copy of Sls
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9 & of the Sketch (encl. to Sl 1)
to the P. W. D. of the Madras Govt
with a letter urging the hope of the Offg
Resr that if this land is no longer required by the Madras) Govt
it may be put at his disposal in order
to be given over by him to the Literary
& Scientific Institute for the purpose of
a public building, wh. whilst perpe-
tuating the honoured name of Mrs
Bowring shall be of practical use
as teaching & writing rooms &c. &c as

Library to the above mentioned Society, wh. hitherto has failed to secure a suitable site & is indifferently accommodated at present in a hired house. The site now sought is very centrally situated in regard to the numerous subscribers to the Institute; is very accessible, & would gain by the erection of a large public building on it. The sum wh. the Institute are prepared to spend will not likely be less than Rs 8000 & may exceed that sum. The favour of an early answer should be solicited. After using return the file & the above, so that I may write d.o. to Mr. Grant Duff on the subject.

4.5.80.

36. Dft. submitted accordingly.

H/. 5.5.86. 37. Issue

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8. Letter to the Govt of Madras, Public Works Deptt. issued. No. 1268/1856 dated 5th May 1886. C.Ch.

39. File submitted as ordered by Offg. Resident in para 36(a and).

H/. 6.5.86.

40. Please to take copy, for the file of my Addl to Mr. Grant's L.

G 7.5.86.

41. Copy taken and D.O. despatched.

C.Ch. 7.5.86

42. In the above Mr. Grant Duff was informed of Mr. Gudeckuns desire to leave the file in Residency Road for the L. & S. Institute.

43. In the Daily Book of the

(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

13th May 1886, Col Thompson Exc: Engineer Presidy. Divn. addresses Govt. the old Engineer's Office and compound adjoining, situated in Residency Road

44 This is brought to the notice of the President, for supposing the place is vacated, and the Madras Govt: consents to the site being made over to the L. and Scientific Institute there may be a difficulty in getting the Tenant to leave, all the more so if he has taken the place on a lease -.

G. 14.5.86.

45. Please take copy of my D.O letter to Colonel Ross Thompson & then send the original to him at once.

G 14.5.86.

46 Copy taken and D.O despatched.

C Rm 14.5.86.

47. In reply No 12. Col. Thompson was informed, d.o. of the reference to the Govt. of Madras about the plot of ground forming the subject of this note, and asked that no definite steps may be taken to alienate the site. No 12.

48. In reply Col. Thompson said he was unaware of the the correspondence that had passed on the subject, and said that no steps wd be taken to alienate the site. No 13.

49. In a d.o. letter dt. May 12th 1886. Sir Grant Duff writing to Mr. Gibbelane in reply to Serial 11, said that he wd look carefully into our letter of the 5th May 86 when it comes before him No 14.

50. Letter No 651 dt. 13. May 86 from the Secy. Legislative Deptt. Bombay Govt. forwarding for information a copy of the notice issued by him, wh is referred in No 15.

47. In serial No 12 Col Thompson was informed, d,o. of the reference to the Government of Madras about the sl 12 plot of ground forming the subject of this note, and asked that no definite steps may be taken to alienate the site.

48. In reply Col Thompson said he was unaware of the sl 13 correspondence that had passed on the subject and said that no steps would be taken to alienate the site.

sl 14 .49. In a d.o. letter dated 12th May 1886 Mr Grant Duff writing to Mr Girdlestone in reply to serial 11, said that he would look carefully into our letter sl 10. of the 5th May 1886 when it comes b efore him.

sl 15. 50. Letter NO. 651 dated 13 th May 1886 from the Executive Engineer Presidebcy Division forwarding for information a copy of the notice issued by him which id referred to in para 43 of this note sl 16. and in letter NO 806 dated 21st May 1886 the Executive Engineer reqursts that the notice sent sl 15. with his previous communication may be considered as cancelled

(Continuation of Note or Precis.)

para 43 of this Note - and
Sl 16. in letter No 806 dy 21 May 86
the Exr. Engineer requests
that the notice sent with his
Sl 15 previous Communication
may be considered as
Cancelled -
51. may be filed.

H.C. 25.5.86 SW7
25-5-86

52 Letter from the Chaplain of Shoolay
Serial No 17. dated 24th May 1886.

In this letter the Chaplain of Shoolay states, that about 12 days ago the old Executive Engineers office & Wood-yard, adjacent to St. Patricks Cathedral & Boys Orphanage in Shoolay were offered to him for rent, by the Executive Engineer of the Presidency Division and that he accepted the offer; that after a few days he (Chaplain), received another notice from the Executive Engineer to say that his previous notice, offering the premises for rent was cancelled,

and that the building & the wood yard were under the disposal of the Offg Resident. Further the Chaplain states that he hears that the building and the yard in question are to be made over to the Literary Institute.

53. With reference to the above the Chaplain urges that for the past 10 years the mission has been asking for the building and yard in question for the benefit Orphans who are miserably crammed in the Orphanage; and that 4 years ago Sir F. Roberts was willing to make them over to the Orphanage & that it would have obtained them then, had not the Executive Engineer valued them too high. The chaplain adds that even last year, Colonel Burton asked him to make an offer for the building &c in question. which he did.

54 For the foregoing reasons, the chaplain prays that the old building & wood yard in question may be made over to him for the benefit of the Orphanage

54 The Offg: Resident's Order on the above petition:-

(Continuation of Note or Precis.) 18

Sl 10

I had no knowledge of any
application for the site which we
have applied to the Madras Govt
ment for on behalf of the Literary
and Scientific Institute. The fact
that the E. E. advertised the site
lately would seem as tho' he did
not recognize any previous
obligation.

55 I am also inclined to think
that on its present capacious
premises the R.C. mission has
ample room for its children.
The Hon'ble Apostolic made a
remark to this effect only this
morning to me.

56 I make the above observations
to guide in the disposal of the
present reference. Colonel
Burton is here & might be able
to throw some light on the
matter (Sg) C.G. 24-5-86

57 May the file be forwarded
to Col: Burton with reference
to the above paragraph?

C.K. Subramanyadyar.
31/5/86. JL

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58 The Town Assistant (S.C.O) for the site for a building for Medical & Scientific Institutions and as Mr. Findlay is now absent on Mr. Grant Duff's Tour and it is the matter the application cannot conveniently be disposed. Before replying to S. 17 the answer to S.10 had better be awaited? S.No 11

Resident

SCD
1/6/86

59. Yes. DMK 1/6/86.

60. As the Madras Government have not as yet replied to letter No. 1268 dated 5th May 1886 a reminder may be submitted

ABR
18.6.86

Await

GMR
19/6/86.

61 Letter from the Executive Engineer Presidency Division No. 1464 dated 29th June 1886. S. No. 18.

In this letter the Executive

(Continuation of Note or Precis.) 20

Engineer of the Presidency Division requests to be informed of the result of the communication with the Madras Govt, regarding the old premises of the Executive Engineer's office.

62 Asst Resident's order on the letter:- "Reply no answer has "been received from the Madras "Govt who have been sent a re- "minder. This can be sent"

S. No 18

63 The reminder to the Madras Govt referred to in para 60 of this note is re-submitted for approval; also a draft reply to the Executive Engineer Presidency Division.

C.K. Subramanya.
2/7/86

64. Drafts issued dated 3rd July 1886.
To the Secy Madras. P.W.D. No. 1918/1856.
" " Ex. Engineer. Presy Div. No. 1923/1856.

Sl. No. 19
Sl. No. 20.

dk. 3/7/86

Sl. No. 22 65 Letter No. 516-D. dated 9th August 1886 from the Secretary to the Govt of Madras, Public Works Department.

In the above, the Madras Government, with reference to the application made in-

Sl. No. 10

behalf of the Literary & Scientific Institute, for the acquisition of a piece of ground on the Residency Road (site of the old Ex: Engineer's Office & work yard), observes that the two plots of land alluded to will in all probability be required for the construction of a new Office for the Ex: Engineer, P. W. Dept. The Madras Govt. do not therefore desire to part with them.

56 Col: Shaw-Stewart further adds that Col: Ussher was mistaken in informing this Office in Sl. No. 1, that the site in question was not likely to be again required for the purposes of the Ex: Engineer's Office.

7 May the substance of the letter under disposal be communicated to the Hon: Secy: Literary & Scientific Institute, with reference to Sl. No. 4? A copy of Sl. No. 22 may also be sent to the Ex. Engineer, Presidency Division, with reference to Sl. No. 18. Sl. No. 22

8 Submitted for orders.

Chingleput
13. Augt. 1886. 14.8.86

9 Action may be taken as here 67. Upon the L. & S. Institute will be much disappointed as the Committee regarded the acquisition of this site to be almost a certainty.

Residency
16.8.86

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(*Continuation of Note or Precis.*)

7° Two drafts in accordance with para 67 submitted for approval.

A.S.
17-8-86.

71 Letter to the Hony. Secretary to the Literary & Scientific Institute. Bangalore issued, ℂ No. 2357/1856 of 18th August 1886

A.R.

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OFFICE OF TH
G. 839
MAR 86
RESIDENT IN MYS

No. 5414 MADRAS, D. P. W.,

Bungalore, 13th March 1886.

From,

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Presidency Division,

To,

THE Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore.

J.H.R
14.3.86

SIR,

I have the honor to state for the information of the Resident that the two premises shewn in crimson lake marked I and II, bring the site of former Executive Engineer's Office and work yard have been, for several years past, unused as such and are not likely to be so again: that I have had recently 2 proposals for selling the property; but before seeking any orders from the Madras Government on the subject would ask whether the Resident is likely to require the sites for any public purpose.

A tracing is enclosed.

X In enclosure.

24

Enclosure.

H. Thurston Col. R.E.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

( )

Dated, 31st March 1886.

25 Serial No.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 799/1856

To.

The Secy: Engineer.

Presidy. Divn.

Sir,

I am dir: to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5414 dy. 13th March 1886 reporting that two sites are available for any public purpose.

Serial No. 1.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to forward to the offg. Resident with the following particulars regarding these sites: (a) to whom did they originally belong, (b) in whose possession the ~~title~~ deeds, if any, are, (c) from whom you have received proposals for selling the sites, and what amount has been offered.

~~Hon~~

I have &c.

JWL

Asst Resident.

H. 26.3.86

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MY... 3 APR 86 G.1114

No. 29

MADRAS, D. P. W.,

Bangalore, 2nd April 1886.

From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Presidency Division,

To

THE Assistant to the Resident

in Mysore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter
No. 799/1856 of 31st March 1886, I have the
honor to report that

(a) The Tiles originally belonged
to the Mysore State.

(b) There are no Tile Moulds.

(c) The proposals were received from
Mr. Standish Lee and the R. C. Bishop
and Otis & Patoir.

(d) No Specific Tender has been
called for as yet and no Offer
therefore made. It may happen that
the Madras Govt. may decline to
part with the Land &c.

I have &c

W. H. Lanton

Lieut. R.E.

OFFICE OF TH
G.1362
21 APR 86
RESIDENT IN MY

2/5

To

C. A. Gouldsbury Esqre. B. C. S.
Officiating British Resident
Mysore

Sir

I am desired by the Executive Committee of the Literary and Scientific Institute Bangalore to lay before you the following circumstances with the view that your patronage and help may be obtained, to carry out an Object long projected and much desired,

I beg to state that the Literary and Scientific Institute Bangalore was established in 1868 by Mr. L. B. Bowring C. S. I. late Chief Commissioner of Mysore - that it has since been under the patronage of H. H. the Maha Rajah, the Chief Commissioner and British Resident, and receives a monthly grant of Rupees 50. from Imperial Revenues - that the Director of Public Instruction is the President, and the President of the Municipality a Vice President and that the Institute Contains about 2000 Volumes and the Subscribers number 100 including Hindoos and Mahomedans

It will be observed by a reference to the Deed of Transfer of the Mayo Hall to the Municipality, that it was first intended, but afterwards overruled, that Accomodation should be provided for the Institute within the said building in lieu of a Sum placed at the disposal of the Committee of this Institution from the Bowring memorial Fund for the erection of a suitable building.

3 This amount was returned by the municipality and it is with this Sum together with the subsequent interest ~~Sum~~ that the Committee wish to erect a public building worthy of a Bowring memorial and

adapted

adapted to the wants of an Institute,

4 I beg to add that the late British Resident Sir James Gordon K. C. S. I. in August 1880 said to a deputation which waited on him that in the event of the Committee deciding on building a Memorial, the Government would interest itself in the matter and give a free site, that he would like to see a fit memorial erected to do honor to Mr Bowring, and that he himself would endeavour to assist financially in furthering the scheme. He manifested the same interest also in February 1882 to another deputation who waited on him and a site near St Mark's Church was selected and approved by Government and another within the Band Stand enclosure, but the Military Authorities refused to part with either, a subsequent application was made to the Municipality for a site for a building on the grounds near the Town Hall which was approved by the Municipal Commissioners but refused by the Resident—

5 From the above it will be seen that in every endeavour the Committee have made to erect a suitable building to the Honor of the late Chief Commissioner Bowring they have had to encounter difficulties of no ordinary kind, and that every effort put forth by them to secure a site within Convenient distance from the dwellings of the majority of subscribers, have been unfortunately unsuccessful. The Committee have therefore resolved to lay before you their desire to obtain the piece of ground now available as shown in the accompanying Extract of their Proceedings,

And which I would appear is at your disposal—

6 The Committee desires me to add that as the Objects of the Institute for which the ground now solicited is required ~~and~~ are for the benefit of all classes of the Community at large and Cosmopoletan in character and not Confined to any one particulary ~~or~~ class of people in Bangalore and that as the Institute has been established by the late Mr Bowring and fostered by his successors, the Committee would respectfully beg that a favourable view may be taken of their request and if granted the erection of the proposed building would be a lasting monument of the gracious patronage of a succeeding Resident to the wishes of his predecessor who has so generaly come forward to supply a want most desirous felt Viz the intellectual and moral improvement of the Residents of Bangalore

7 In Conclusion the Committee desire me to add that if permitted they purpose to form a deputation to wait on You to afford in detail any further information which may be required,

I Remain

Sir

Your Most Obt Servt

G. Pattle

Hon Sec

Library and Scientific Institute
Bangalore
21st April 1881

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

31
Serial No.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 1164
1856

To

Dated, 28 April 1886.

The Hony. Secy.
Literary & Scientific Institute
Bangalore.

Sir.

I am dir: to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21. instant, and to state that the offg. Resident will be pleased to receive a deputation formed of members of the L and S. Institute, at the Residency on Monday May 3rd, at 9 A.M.

I have &c.

GKB 27/4/86

Asst Resident.

27.4.86.

Serial No. 4.

32 Literary Institute 9

Bangalore 1st May 1886.

Memorandum

This Institute was established in 1868 by Mr Bowring then Chief Commissioner of Mysore, and a large number of the Gentry of the Station, as well as others, both European and Native, were its Members.

The opening lecture of the Institute was given by Mr Bowring himself, and was followed at various intervals, by lectures by the Revd Stewart Wright, Major Campbell, and other Gentlemen.

In May 1869 a grant in aid of Rupees 50 per mensem, was sanctioned by the Government

Government of India for this Institute.

In 1871 Mr. Rice, the then Secretary, obtained from the Bowring Memorial Fund committee Rupees 347/6-5-1, for the purpose of erecting a suitable Building for the Bowring Memorial, in which this Institute was to be merged; this money was lodged in the Bangalore Bank.

In 1878 this money, with subsequent subscriptions amounting to Rupees 530-11-4, was handed over to the Mayo Hall Committee on condition that accomodation would be given in the Hall for this Institute.

In 1882 it was resolved by the Resident to hand over the

Mayo Hall to the Municipality,
who, finding that accommoda-
tion could not be afforded for the
rowing memorial Library, return-
ed the money amounting ~~assent~~
~~beg~~ with Interest to Rupees 6140-7-3,
to Mr. Rice the President on behalf of
the Institute and he has lodged
it in the Bank.

Since then, as shewn in
letter dated 19th April 1886, the
Committee have been unable to
carry out the object for which this
money was collected from their
inability to obtain grounds for
a site for the Memorial, appli-
cations for three different sites
having been refused.

This deputation now
beg you will be graciously
pleased

pleased to grant the site now solicited on the Eastern side of the Museum Road.

We would further beg to submit a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Institute for the 5 years ending 31st May 1885, and a copy of the Rules and last Report of the Institute

F. W. Pearce

Hony. Secretary.

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Serial No. 1 o

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 1268/1856 Encl 7

Dated, 5th May 1886.

To

The Secy.
to the Govt. of Madras.
P. W. Department.

Sir,

I am dir: to forward a copy of the Correspondence noted on the margin relative to the acquisition of a piece of ground situated on Residency Road in the C. & M. Station of Bangalore.

2. The two premises shown in Cross Lane marked in I and II in the tracing enclosed, being the site of former Res: Regr's Office and work yard, have been for several years past unused as such, and are not likely to be so again.

3. If this land is no longer required by the Madras Govt: the offg. Resident considers that it may be sold

Sl. 1. Letter No 5414 dy. 13. March 1886 from the Res: Engineer Residy. Divn with enclosure.

Sl. 2. Letter No 799 dy. 1856 dy. 31. March 1886 to the Res: Engineer Residy. Divn

Sl. 3. Letter No: 29 dy. 2nd April 1886 from the Res: Engineer Residy. Divn

Sl. 4. Letter dy. 21. Apl. 86 from the Hony. Secy. Literary & Scientific Institute, Bangalore.

Sl. 5. Letter No 1164 dy. 1856 dy. 28th Apl. 86. to the Hony. Secy. L. & S. Institute, Bangalore.

Sl. 9. Memorandum dy. 1st may 86. by the Hony. Secy. L. & S. Institute, Bangalore.

at his disposal in order to be by him given in trust to the Bowring Literary and Scientific Institute for the purpose of erecting thereon a Public building, which whilst perpetuating the honoured name of Sir Bowring shall be of practical use as reading and writing rooms &c and as Library to the ~~above mentioned~~ Institute Society, which hitherto has failed to secure a suitable Site and is indifferently accommodated ~~at present~~ in a hired house. The Site now sought is very centrally situated in regard to the numerous Subscribers to the Institute, is very accessible, and would gain by the erection of a large public edifice of good design & appearance on it. The amount which the Members &c Institute are prepared to spend will not be less than £. 8000. and may exceed

No. 1273/1856

The Residency, Mysore

Bangalore, May 7, 1886.

My dear Mr. Grant Duff.

Will you kindly give me your personal interest in the subject of No. 1268/1856 dated the 5th instant from this Residency to your Government in the Public Works Department. I should be very glad to secure the desired site for the Literary and Scientific Institute of Bangalore, and the Society, I am sure, would be grateful if you could see your way towards letting them build on the ground.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) C. Girdlestone.

Office copy.

C. Pm.
7. 5. 86.

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Trinity House
Bangalore
May 15-11-1886

Acknowledged.
Q 15.5.86.

My dear Mr Gindlestone

In reply to your letter
of yesterday's date
regarding the Site of the
Old Engineer Office in
Bangalore — no steps
will be taken to alienate
the Site - pending the
result of your action
in the matter. I was
not aware of the Correspondence

(Continuation of Note or Precis).

Government House,
Ootacamund.

May 12. 1886.

44

My dear Mr Sudlestone

I will certainly look carefully into the paper 1268/1856 dated May 5th when it comes before me.

I have not done so yet.

47 — folio — Sheet No. 15

Tenders are invited from persons who are willing to rent the undermentioned Building and Compound on the following Conditions:—

(1) Duty the Month

(2) with a Month's Notice to quit to be given & received on either side.

(3) Rent to be paid.

(4) Landlord to do all repairs deemed necessary by Executive Engineer.

Description of the Building — Bungalow, situated opposite the old Post Office premises and lately occupied by Sub Overseer Mr. Fleming.

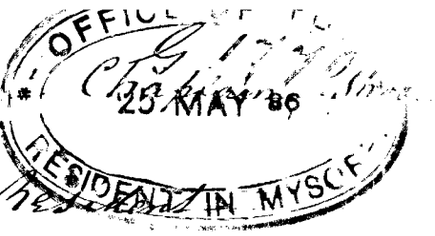
Description of Compound — The Compound is the site of old Executive Engineer's Office and adjoins Saint Patrick's Church.

H. M. Thompson
Lieut. R.E.,
Executive Engineer
Bungalow
13th May 1886

Executive Engineer
13 MAY 86
Bangalore

On humble request of the Chaplain

To C. Gridlestone, Esq., acty Resident



Sir,

About 12 days ago I received from the Office of the Ex. Engineer, Mysore &c. a special notice by which I was offered the renting of the old Engineering office & Wood yard adjacent to St. Patrick's Cathedral & Boys' Orphanage. I, indeed, accepted it but to my great disappointment, after a few days another notice came to hand informing me that the former one was cancelled and that the Disposal of the aforesaid premisses was entirely in the hands of the acty Resident. On the following day I came to hear that probably that ground for which my predecessor and the Chaplaincy and myself again and over again we had been applying for the sake of our Europ. and Eurasian Orphan boys, miserably crowded as they to the Number of 60 or even 67 in the two Narrow by them occupied, - that ground was to be Disposed of in favor of the Victoria Institute or some public Memorial. As however I hope that on ulterior and serious Consideration the aforesaid and rather Ugly plot of ground will be found and declared unsuitable allow me to State that for the last 10 years or above we have been asking for it for the benefit of our poor Orphans who nearly the 3/4 of them are the Children of deceased Govt's Servants, and never received any help from either Civil or Milit. Govert. About 4 years ago the Commander in Chief Sir F. Roberts was utterly willing to concede it to our Orphans and was only opposed by the officer then Ex. Engineer who obtained the ground nearly 3 times its proper value. Last year Col. Bowtay told me to make him an offe

pecuniary one, for the ground; a friend was good enough to take my hand to make that offer in my name at the proper time, but even that was not successful. Wherefore, in the case as I presume, the spot would henceforth be deemed unfit for the grand intended building, I humbly entreat you to consider the want of our poor orphan boys who crave also for some princely asistance from the Govt to which their fathers have devoted their life, and for the prosperity of which their offspring are daily beseeching the Almighty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble & obedient servant

R. M. Clemot,
m.a.h. s.c.
in charge of the St. Patrick's orphge.

Bangalore
St. Patrick's Cathedral
24-5-86.
Queen's Birthday.

OFFICE OF
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RESIDENT IN MYSORE

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No. 1164 Madras, D. P. W.,

Bangalore, 29th June 1886.

From,

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Presidency Division,

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To,

The Asst: to the Resident

in Mysore Bangalore.

Sir,

S. No 12 With reference to D.O. dated 14th May 1886 from Mr. Giddestone and my Demi Official reply thereto dated

S. No 13 15th idem regarding the premises of the Old Engineer's Office - Residency Road, I have the honor to request you will inform me of the result of the Resident's Communication with the Madras Government, I have received several applications for renting the premises.

I have &c.

Ron Thompson

Exec: E. E.,

28 JUN 86

Pres: Divn.

25/6/86

Reply no answer as yet been rec'd from the Madras Govt who have been sent a reminder. This can be sent. SKV 1/7/1886

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No.

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 1918/1856

Dated, 3 July 1886.

To

The Secy. to the
Govt. of Madras.

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Sir,

I am dir: to invite
attention to letter No 1268/1856
of 5: may from this office
regarding the site of the a
former Engineer's Office
situated in Cross Road (Hill S) Kilpauk
and to request the favour
of an early reply.

I have &c.

Asst Secy

Sl. No. 10.

Sl. No. 66

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OFFICE OF
2298
RESIDENT IN MYSORE

Public Works Department.

No. 351 D. Ootacamund July 6th 1886.

To

The Resident
in Mysore.

Sir,

Sl. No. 19

In reply to your reminder No. 1918/1856, dated 3rd July 1886, inviting attention to previous correspondence relative to the site of the old District Engineer's office at Bangalore, I am directed to state that the Chief Engineer, Madras Public Works Department, hopes to be able to visit Bangalore during the current month, and to inspect the piece of ground in question. Upon receiving this

his report, this Government will be in a position to reply to your letter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t servt.

V. Mawbwood
Colonel, R.E.
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Rep: W.L.

RESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Serial No. 2357

[DRAFT.]—For approval.

No. 2357/1886.

Dated, 18th August 1886.

To The Hon: Secretary
Literary & Scientific Institute
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sl. No 4 With reference to your letter dated 21st April 1886 and memorandum

Sl. No 9 dated 1st May 1886 presented to the late Offg. Resident by a deputation formed of members of the Literary & Scientific Institute, applying for a piece of ground situated on Residency Road in the Cantonment of Bangalore, I am directed to inform you that the land in question being the site of former Ex: Engineer's Office and Work yard, the Madras Govt. who requested to place it at the disposal of the Resident to be given on trust to the Institute for the purpose of erecting a public building thereon, The Madras Government in the Public Works Deptt. have, in reply, intimated that they do not desire to part with the two plots of land alluded to, as they will in all probability be required for the Construction

This application was made as it was understood that the land owned with consent of the Madras Govt

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of a new office for the Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept^t. Under these circumstances the acquisition of this site for the purpose of erecting thereon a building for the L. & S. Institute I have, &c.,
as proclaimed

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Asst. to the President

H. Guignard
17. Aug^t. 56. /84.